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Attorney Docket No. 1247 P 277

Application of:

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Mlen D. Polowinczak

Application No.: 10/694,266

Confirmation No.: 2799

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For: MUNTIN CLIP

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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application. Applicant is other than a small entity. An additional fee for this Amendment is required as shown below.

|   |   |   |                  | ! | Small Entity |                   | Other Than A Small<br>Entity |                   |
|---|---|---|------------------|---|--------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
|   | Claims<br>Remaining<br>After<br>Amendment | Highest<br>Number<br>Previously<br>Paid For | Present<br>Extra |   | Rate         | Additional<br>Fee | Rate                         | Additional<br>Fee |
| Total   | 34 -                                      | 40 =  | 0                |   | x \$25=      | \$                | x \$50=                      | \$-0-             |
| Independent                                     | 7 -                                       | 6 =   | 1                |   | x \$100=     | \$                | 2 x \$200=                   | \$200             |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims |   |   |                  |   | x \$180=     | \$                | x \$360=                     | \$-0-             |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE                            |   |   |                  |   |              |                   |                              | \$200             |

A check in the amount of \$200 is enclosed for the additional independent claim.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

X Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra Claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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July 5, 2006

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## CERTIFICATE UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on July 5, 2006

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## REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 5, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2006. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date. Accordingly, the time period for response is July 5, 2006, and this Reply is submitted within that time limit. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in the present Application in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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